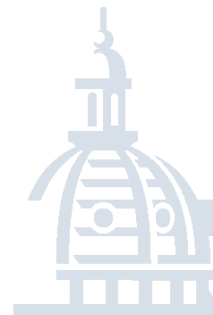


# FISCAL UPDATE

## *Fiscal Services Division*

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### WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE GRANTS

**Urban Conservation Grants.** On March 24, 2015, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS) announced that funding of \$655,000 was awarded from the Water Quality Initiative Demonstration Projects Fund for nine urban conservation projects. Participating landowners and other partners will provide an additional \$2.4 million to support these projects. Grants awarded include:

- Ames – South Skunk River Basin Watershed Project received a \$100,000 grant.
- Winneshiek Soil and Water Conservation District -- Northeast Iowa Community College received a \$61,000 grant.
- Cedar Falls – Permeable Alley Project received a \$41,000 grant.
- Des Moines – Waveland Park Stormwater Project received a \$50,000 grant.
- Granger – Oxley Creek Watershed Improvements Project received a \$100,000 grant.
- Calhoun Soil and Water Conservation District – Urban Water Quality Projects received a \$90,000 grant.
- Storm Lake – Storm Lake Urban Water Projects received an \$80,000 grant.
- Webster City – Riverside Stormwater Wetlands received a \$100,000 grant.
- West Des Moines – West Des Moines Schools Pond Improvements received a \$33,000 grant.

**Watershed Projects.** Also in March, the DALS announced three additional watershed demonstration projects that were selected to receive \$1.4 million in funding from the Water Quality Initiative. Matching funds for the projects will provide an additional \$1.4 million. The projects include:

- Elk Run Watershed Water Quality Initiative Project received a \$354,000 grant.
- Headwaters North Raccoon River Project received a \$502,000 grant.
- Squaw Creek Watershed received a \$600,000 grant.

**Additional Information.** For additional information on the Water Quality Initiative refer to the following website: <http://www.cleanwateriowa.org>.

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